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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: #IS 100-54: Probable Effects of Increasing Soviet Nuclear Capabilities upon the Policies of US Allies

BACKGROUND

1. This estimate was authorized by the IAC at the request of the Department of State.

SUBSTANCE

2. Besides the usual contributions from IAC agencies this paper has had the benefit of two sessions of discussion by the [Redacted] and of sixteen reports written by Committees of students at the National War College. Ideas and arguments advanced have been varied, numerous, and frequently contradictory. Within the past few weeks there has been a remarkable upsurge of public feelings here and abroad about nuclear weapons; this has caused some re-thinking of the problem at the last minute but has not changed the basic estimate as previously formulated.

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3. This paper now represents our best effort to select the most significant approaches to the problem, and to present the arguments and conclusions on which substantial agreement could be reached among the agencies. There has been adequate time for a thorough briefing of all IAC members, and at present I know of no dissents or significant changes to be brought up at the IAC meeting by participating agencies.

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